

16 December 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

SUBJECT : Community Resources Data Requested by DD/I

1. Mr. Parrott has requested us to assist Ed Proctor and OSR representatives who have been called on to prepare a cost estimate of Soviet intelligence activities. Colonel White's memorandum of 11 December 1970, which relays an OMB request for this estimate, is attached herewith.

2. U.S. intelligence community resources data, drawn from the current CIRIS, are of interest in that these help establish some parameters for the organization of this estimate and provide tentative identification of some comparisons that may be possible if Soviet data can be worked up in a manner that will permit comparisons.

3. We have had an initial meeting with the OSR people to provide a background that will permit them to understand some of the complexities of the packaging of U.S. intelligence resources and their size. We have also advised them that community resources can be released to a single agency only through transmittal from D/DCI/NIPE.

4. The attached tabulation has been prepared in response to this request and is at a level of detail which the OSR people believe will be useful to them. If you are in agreement that this information should be released for this purpose, will you please forward this to Mr. Proctor with whatever caveats you consider appropriate.

[Redacted Signature]

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CC: Executive Secretary, NIRB

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11 December 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Cost Estimate of Soviet Intelligence
Activities

1. During my absence this week, Jim Schlesinger from OMB requested of John Clarke an estimate of annual expenditures by the USSR on intelligence activities. I talked to Schlesinger this morning to find out what was behind this request. He told me that there had been a good deal of talk around OMB and the White House recently about the size of the U. S. intelligence budget, which had naturally led to a question as to how this compares with the cost of intelligence activities of other countries, particularly the Soviet Union. He had, after what deliberations I do not know, come up with an off-the-cuff estimate of 3% of the Soviet defense budget. He thought it would be most useful to OMB and the White House if we could prepare a thoughtful paper on this subject.

2. It seems to me that we not only should be responsive but it is in the best interests of the Agency and the intelligence community to comply as promptly as possible. I do not think this needs to be a National Intelligence Estimate, but it does need to be a well-researched and carefully thought-out paper. I should appreciate very much the DD/I accepting responsibility for producing such a paper within the next several days. Copies of this memorandum have gone to the DD/P and the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates, who are requested to co-operate in every way.

3. I realize that the terms of reference are imprecise. I think, however, we are not likely to get much help on this score

from OMB. I suggest, therefore, that you prepare your own terms of reference.



L. K. White
Executive Director-Comptroller

cc: DD/P
Chairman, BNE
D/PPB

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Remarks:

Attached is the community resources information we have prepared in response to the request from Ed Proctor to Mr. Parrott.

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